granting statehood to Uttarakhand. Necessary action is being taken to refer the Bill for the creation of separate State of Uttarkhand to the State Legilature of Uttar pradesh for expressing its views thereon as required under article 3 of the Constitution of India. As there are various legal and constitutional complexities involved in the issue, it may not be possible to lay down a definite timeframe in the matter.

(e) and (f) After the Reorganisation of States in 1956, there have been demands for the creation of separate States of Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Bodoland, Gorkhaland and Vidarbha, etc.

The general policy of the Government is to advance the principles of political, administrative and economic federalism, as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to the higherto underdeveloped regions of the country wherefrom the demands for the statehood are emanating.

Person killed since inception of insurgency in North-Eastern States

73. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, security personnel and different militants groups lost their lives since the insurgency movement started in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the measures taken up by Government to control the movements; and

(c) whether Government are aware of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Insurgency in some of the North-Eastern States has increased and/or wanted at different points of time in the past. As such, complete and specific data relating to the number of civilians, security personnel and militants killed since insurgency started in the North-Eastern States is not available. However, since 1993, 2946 number of civilians, 1011 number of Security Forces personnel and 1308 number of militants lost their lives in the currently insurgency-affected States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura.

(b) The Government have taken various steps for dealing with insurgency which includes, interalia, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations, notification of the most serious affected areas as disturbed areas, deployment of Central para-military forces and Army units, sanction of Central financial assistance for modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, improved coordination at various levels and sharing of Intelligence.

(c) Yes. Sir.

भारत पाक सीमा पर सीमा सुरक्षा बल द्वारा हथियारों की मांग

74. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

(क) क्या गृह मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत पाक सीमा पर तैनात सीमा सुरक्षा बल कार्मिकों ने सरकार से भारी हथियारों की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) सीमा सुरक्षा बल की मांग पर सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया और क्या कार्रवाई की?

गृह मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल दार): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सीमा, विशेष तौर पर, सांबा और आर.एस. पुरा सैक्टरों में पाक रेंजरों द्वारा बड़े भारी हथियारों द्वारा रूक-रूक कर की जा रही गोलीबारी का प्रभावपूर्ण ढंग से मुकाबला करने के लिए।

(ग) दो एच.एम.जी. जारी करने के लिए इस मन्त्रालय द्वारा पहले ही अनुमोदन कर दिया गया है। अन्य प्रस्तावों पर विचार किया जा रहा है।